

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-21, 23-25 and 30 are pending in the above-identified application. These claims have been subjected to an Election Requirement such that it appears that Applicant must elect a species from among the methods for preparing the intermediates Va, Vb, VIIIa, VIIIb, XIVa, XIVb, XVIa, XVIb and XX (e.g. claim 1), as well as a method of preparing calcipotriol or calcipotriol monohydrate (e.g. claim 9).

Applicants hereby provisionally elects the species of a method of preparing a compound of the general structure Va, with traverse. It is believed that the following claims encompass this elected species: claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 19-21 and 23-25.

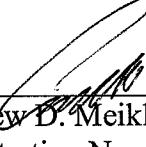
The above Election Requirement is respectfully traverse as it is submitted that all of the intermediate compounds Va – XX recited in claim 1 share essential the same core structure of compound XX. Thus, it is submitted that there is no undo burden placed on the Examiner to proceed to examine all of the intermediate compound methods. Further, since these methods are used to prepare calcipotriol and calcipotriol monohydrate, it is submitted that all of the claimed methods are sufficiently related such that Examiner should proceed to examine all of the presently claimed subject matter. Consequently, it is requested that the Election Requirement be withdrawn.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle, in the Washington Metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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